

DECEMBER 2021 PROGRAMS

Public programs are free however, parking fees are collected year-round. Purchase day passes for \$8 MA license plate, \$30 out of-state-plate with MC/VISA at pay & display machine in lots or use the YODEL parking app. Free WiFi (*MassIT-Public*) at the Visitor Center. NO CASH SALES. MA annual and senior passes must be purchased in advance through the DCR website. Advance purchase of passes does not guarantee parking space availability. Parking is first come, first served.

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid). **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.** Insect repellent, sturdy shoes, and water suggested for woods programs.

All organized group visitations require advanced reservations. To arrange group visitation contact: walden.programs@mass.gov or (978)405-2082.

During warm weather, fall foliage and holidays, the park closes frequently, for several hours, to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure updates on [twitter@waldenpondstate](https://twitter.com/waldenpondstate)

Daily

Self-guided Winter Solstice StoryWalk®
family fun on the *Woods Path* trail for all ages
The Shortest Day by Wendy Pfeffer

Get outside and celebrate the Winter Solstice with the story posted on the accessible *Woods Path*. This easy 1/2 mile trail, on a crushed stone surface, takes 15 minutes each way.
No dogs or bikes on trails.

Daily
10am-4pm

Visitor Center
Thoreau Exhibits, *Walden* Ken Burns film and Art Gallery

Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond through exhibits, art exhibition and film. The 22-minute film shows every 1/2 hour. Visit the Gallery for paintings featuring the exploits of Henry David Thoreau by Donna Marie Przybojewski.

Sundays
& Mondays
December
10am-4pm

Concord Authors Exhibit—Visitor Center
Browse a selection of books by famous residents: Alcott, Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau. Learn about the “Concord Summer” at this Visitor Center display table.

Tuesdays
December
7, 14

De-Mystifying Thoreau
replica open house - all ages
10:00-11:30am

Debunk many myths and rumors about renowned writer / naturalist, Henry David Thoreau, with a Park Interpreter.

Tuesday &
Wednesday
December
21, 22

Winter Solstice Walk
walk meets at replica - all ages
12:00-1:30pm

Celebrate the longest and shortest days of the year! Join a one-mile roundtrip guided walk along the Pond Path with a sprinkling of seasonal readings to Thoreau’s original house site.

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Wednesdays
December
1, 8, 15

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Thursdays
December
2, 9, 16,

Tiny House
Thoreau's Tiny House,
replica open house - all ages
10:00-11:30am

Discover how Thoreau's "experiment in deliberate living" made him an early "Tiny House Movement" advocate.

Fridays &
Saturdays
December
3, 4, 10, 11

Thoreau's Stay at Walden
replica - all ages

10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am

10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived "a deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.

Winter Holiday School Vacation Programs

Tuesday,
Wednesday
Thursday
December
28, 29, 30

The Beavers are Back!
meets at the visitor center - all ages
1-2:30pm

Take a one-mile roundtrip walk with a Park Interpreter to secluded Heywood Meadow to learn about one of our fascinating mammals.

Saturday
January 1
2022

First Day 2022!

Ring in the new year with a self-guided hike at Walden Pond. Maps and information for suggested routes available at the visitor center.

Meet Henry David Thoreau on New Years Day 1847

Replica open house - all ages
12pm-2pm

Drop by the Thoreau house replica to meet Henry David Thoreau, portrayed by historian Richard Smith as he celebrates New Year's Day, 1847, at Walden Pond.

Both New Years Day 1847 and Civil Disobedience programs are co-sponsored by the Friends of Walden Pond, an activity of the Walden Woods Project, www.walden.org



More self-guided opportunities: <https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs> or scan code

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coming events